

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 839**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Travis Allen**

February 26, 2015

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An act to amend Section 52074 of the Education Code, relating to school accountability.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 839, as introduced, Travis Allen. School accountability: local control and accountability plans: California Collaborative for Educational Excellence.

Existing law, on or before July 1, 2014, required the governing board of each school district and each county board of education to adopt a local control and accountability plan. Existing law requires the governing board of each school district and each county board of education to update its local control and accountability plan on or before July 1 of each year. Existing law requires the local control and accountability plan to include certain elements, and requires the charter for a charter school to include some of those same elements.

Existing law establishes the California Collaborative for Educational Excellence for purposes of advising and assisting school districts, county superintendents of schools, and charter schools in achieving the goals set forth in a local control and accountability plan. Existing law requires the collaborative to be governed by a board consisting of 5 members, as specified.

This bill would add a representative of charter schools, appointed by the Governor, and a parent of a California public school pupil, appointed by the Joint Committee on Rules, to the governing board of the collaborative.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1     SECTION 1. Section 52074 of the Education Code is amended  
2     to read:  
3     52074. (a) The California Collaborative for Educational  
4     Excellence is hereby established.  
5     (b) The purpose of the California Collaborative for Educational  
6     Excellence is to advise and assist school districts, county  
7     superintendents of schools, and charter schools in achieving the  
8     goals set forth in a local control and accountability plan adopted  
9     pursuant to this article.  
10    (c) The Superintendent shall, with the approval of the state  
11    board, contract with a local educational agency, or consortium of  
12    local educational agencies, to serve as the fiscal agent for the  
13    California Collaborative for Educational Excellence. The  
14    Superintendent shall apportion funds appropriated for the California  
15    Collaborative for Educational Excellence to the fiscal agent.  
16    (d) The California Collaborative for Educational Excellence  
17    shall be governed by a board consisting of the following ~~five~~ *seven*  
18    members:  
19    (1) The Superintendent or his or her designee.  
20    (2) The president of the state board or his or her designee.  
21    (3) A county superintendent of schools appointed by the Senate  
22    Committee on Rules.  
23    (4) A teacher appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly.  
24    (5) A superintendent of a school district appointed by the  
25    Governor.  
26    (6) *A representative of charter schools, appointed by the*  
27    *Governor.*  
28    (7) *A parent of a California public school pupil appointed by*  
29    *the Joint Committee on Rules.*  
30    (e) At the direction of the governing board of the California  
31    Collaborative for Educational Excellence, the fiscal agent shall  
32    contract with individuals, local educational agencies, or  
33    organizations with the expertise, experience, and a record of  
34    success to carry out the purposes of this article. The areas of

1 expertise, experience, and record of success shall include, but are  
2 not limited to, all of the following:

3 (1) State priorities as described in subdivision (d) of Section  
4 52060.

5 (2) Improving the quality of teaching.

6 (3) Improving the quality of school district and schoolsite  
7 leadership.

8 (4) Successfully addressing the needs of special pupil  
9 populations, including, but not limited to, English learners, pupils  
10 eligible to receive a free or reduced-price meal, pupils in foster  
11 care, and individuals with exceptional needs.

12 (f) The Superintendent may direct the California Collaborative  
13 for Educational Excellence to advise and assist a school district,  
14 county superintendent of schools, or charter school in any of the  
15 following circumstances:

16 (1) If the governing board of a school district, county board of  
17 education, or governing body ~~or of~~ a charter school requests the  
18 advice and assistance of the California Collaborative for  
19 Educational Excellence.

20 (2) If the county superintendent of schools of the county in  
21 which the school district or charter school is located determines,  
22 following the provision of technical assistance pursuant to Section  
23 52071 or ~~47607.3~~ 47607.3, as applicable, that the advice and  
24 assistance of the California Collaborative for Educational  
25 Excellence is necessary to help the school district or charter school  
26 accomplish the goals described in the local control and  
27 accountability plan adopted pursuant to this article.

28 (3) If the Superintendent determines that the advice and  
29 assistance of the California Collaborative for Educational  
30 Excellence is necessary to help the school district, county  
31 superintendent of schools, or charter school accomplish the goals  
32 set forth in the local control and accountability plan adopted  
33 pursuant to this article.